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1. In December 1952, military booklets for reserve forces issued in 1948 were still valid. Reserve officers, including doctors, received booklets with a red cover, while privates' booklets had a pink cover.
2. The district police station must be informed when a person leaves his permanent résidence to move to another town, or to a new address in the same town. His residence certificate (Adresen Bilet) is then exchanged for a letter certifying that the district police office had been duly notified of the move. This letter is required for registration in a new district. A new residence certificate will be issued upon presentation of the following documents at the district police station of the new address:
 - a. Work certificate;
 - b. Identity Card (Lichna Karta); and
 - c. A certificate proving that the applicant has informed the proper authorities at his previous address of his intention to move.
3. A person seeking permanent lodging must apply to the municipal Housing Office (Zhilishchen Sud); however, it is difficult to find lodging because of the acute shortage existing in all parts of Bulgaria. When staying at a private home, a visitor may remain up to one month without registering. During the checks which are made, it is sufficient for such a person to explain that he is a visitor and to produce the registration card of his permanent place of residence. Hotel guests must obtain a temporary registration card, which is given them upon presentation of their identity card and the registration card of their permanent address. This temporary card may be usually obtained through the hotel clerk.
4. No checks are made in Sofia in the street or in public places such as theatres or restaurants. At night, police, usually in pairs, may visit private homes and check identity cards and registration certificates, but this is not done often.

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